



Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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WA Department of Ecology SEA Program Post Office Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600 Telephone (360) 407-6068 Attn: SEA Program, Federal Permit Coordinator

Reference No.: NWS-2008-817-WRD

Public Notice Date: 15 July 2008

Expiration Date: 14 August 2008

Name: Seattle, Port of

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Port of Seattle

Post Office Box 1209 Seattle, Washington 98111 ATTN: Mr. Paul Meyer Telephone: (206) 728-3127

LOCATION: In the East Waterway of the Duwamish River at Seattle, Washington.

<u>WORK</u>: The proposed work consists of maintenance dredging in the berthing areas of Terminal 18 in the East Waterway. Up to 6,800 cubic yards of sediment will be dredged from a 3.3-acre area using mechanical dredging equipment (clamshell or backhoe) from a barge. The dredged material will be placed into a haul barge and transported to a contractor provided off-loading site, transferred from the haul barge by mechanical methods (e.g., land based or barge-based excavator or derrick), and transported by truck and/or rail to an approved upland landfill facility capable of accepting Subtitle D waste material.

PURPOSE: To maintain required deep draft vessel access at existing Terminal 18 container cargo berths.

PUGET SOUND DREDGED DISPOSAL ANALYSIS (PSDDA):

<u>Dredged Material Testing</u>: The proposed dredged material has been tested according to the procedures specified in PSDDA, a multi-agency program for the evaluation of dredged material proposed for disposal at open-water sites in Puget Sound. Because there were exceedances of DMMP screening levels for certain chemicals, the dredged material will be deposited at an upland site, approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology and the appropriate County Department of Health. Because the dredged material is proposed to be disposed of at an upland

location, the PSDDA evaluation included only chemical testing of sediments. The sediment testing data are available at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Seattle District, Dredged Material Management Office. If a permit is issued, the Port of Seattle will be required to assess the new surface material exposed after dredging.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. No further EFH consultation is necessary.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

<u>EVALUATION</u> – <u>CORPS</u> - The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

<u>EVALUATION</u>—<u>ECOLOGY</u>: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

<u>ADDITIONAL EVALUATION</u>: The City of Seattle is processing an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

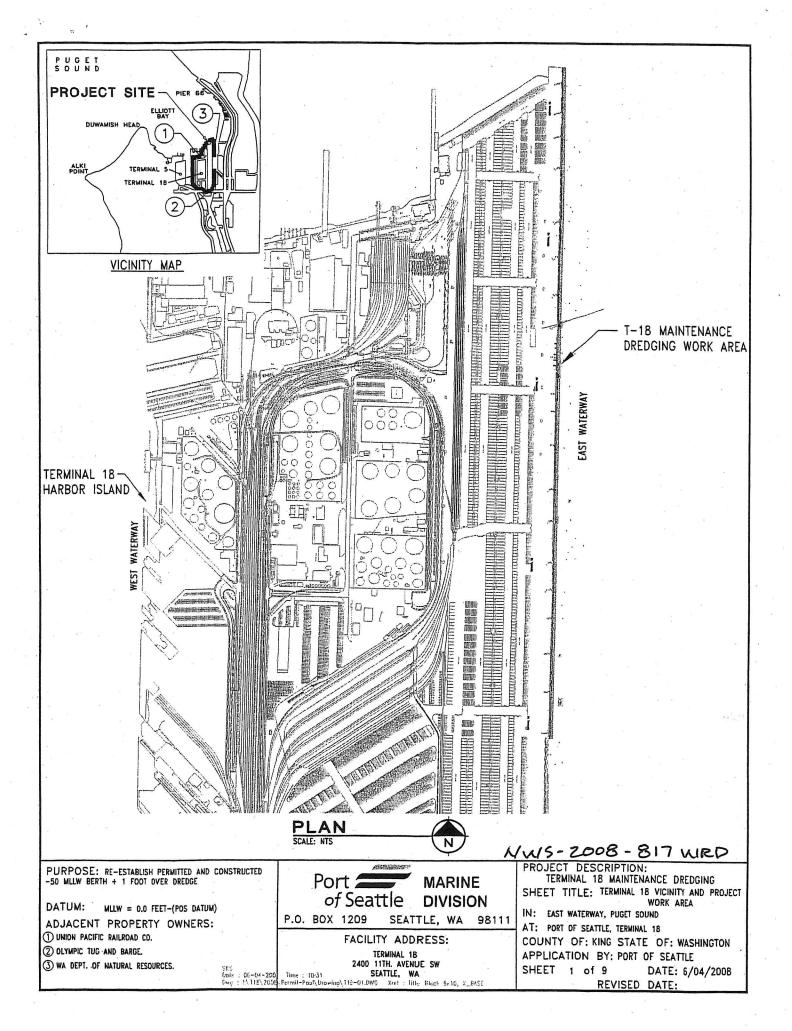
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

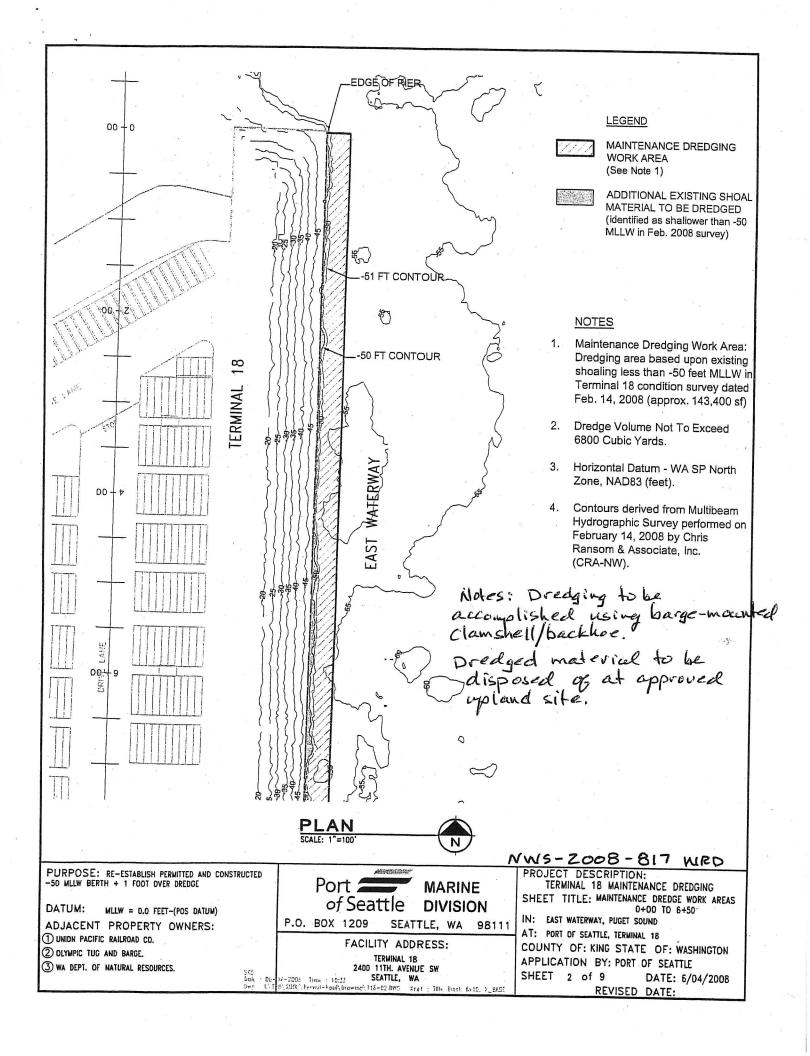
<u>Corps Comments</u>: All e-mail comments should be sent to <u>james.d.green@usace.army.mil</u>. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attn: Jim Green, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

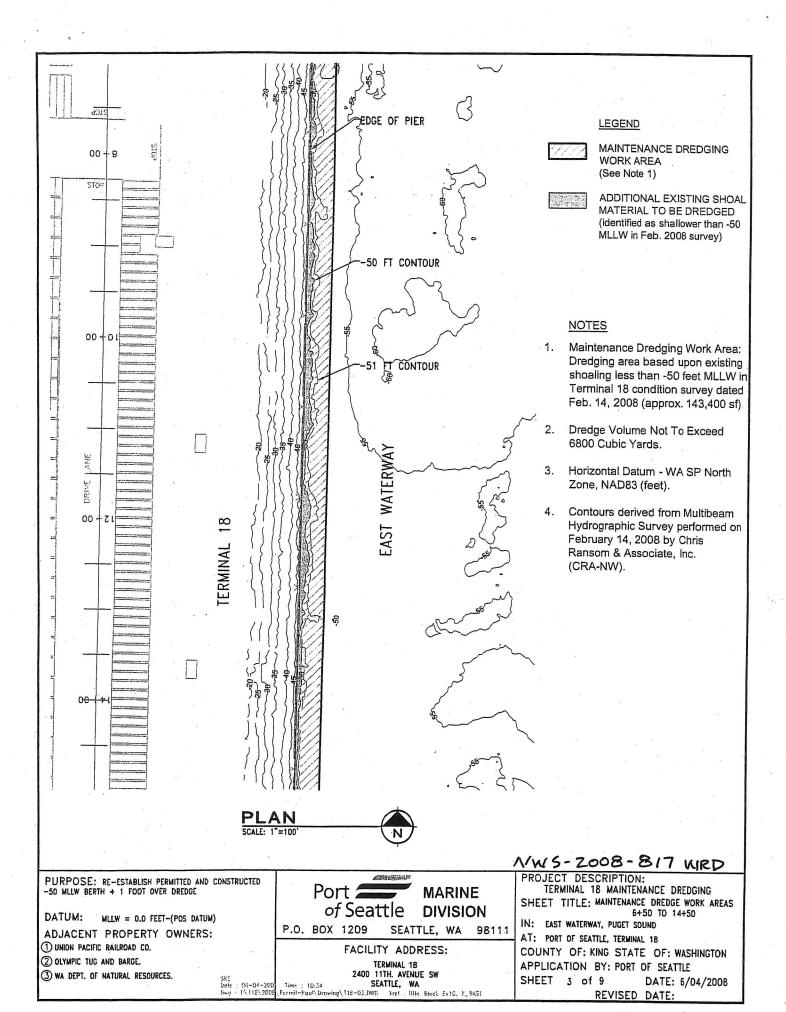
Ecology Comments: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Department of Ecology, Attn: SEA program – Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

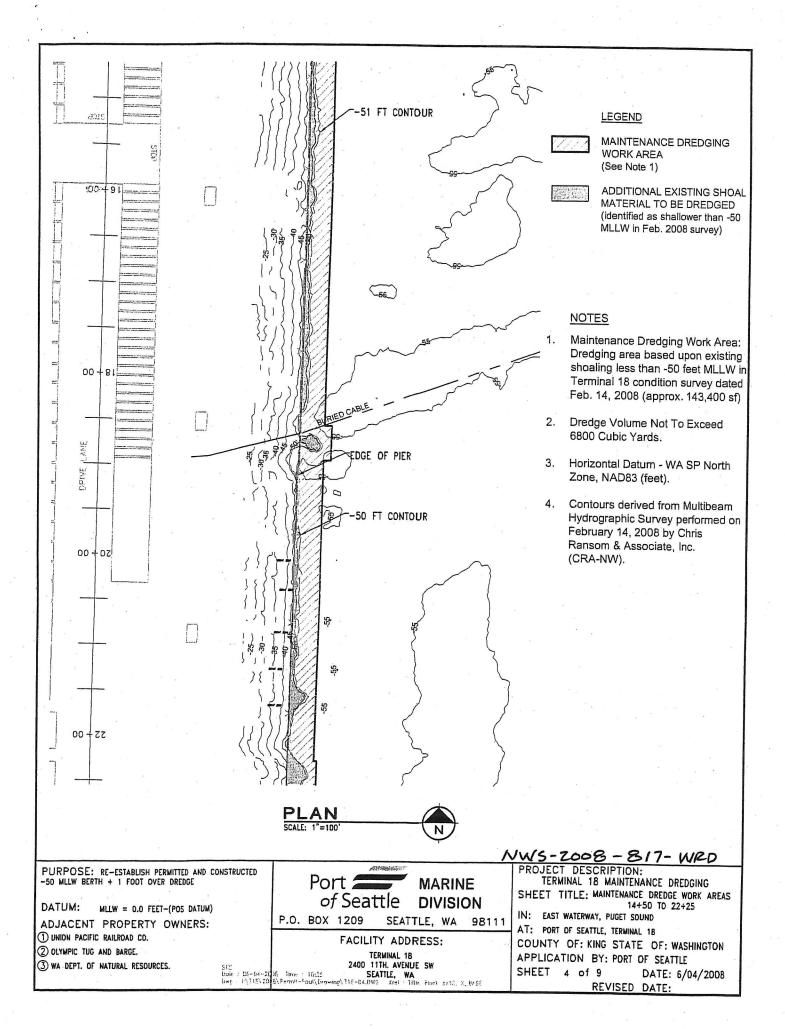
To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Port of Seattle - File No. NWS-2008-00817-WRD

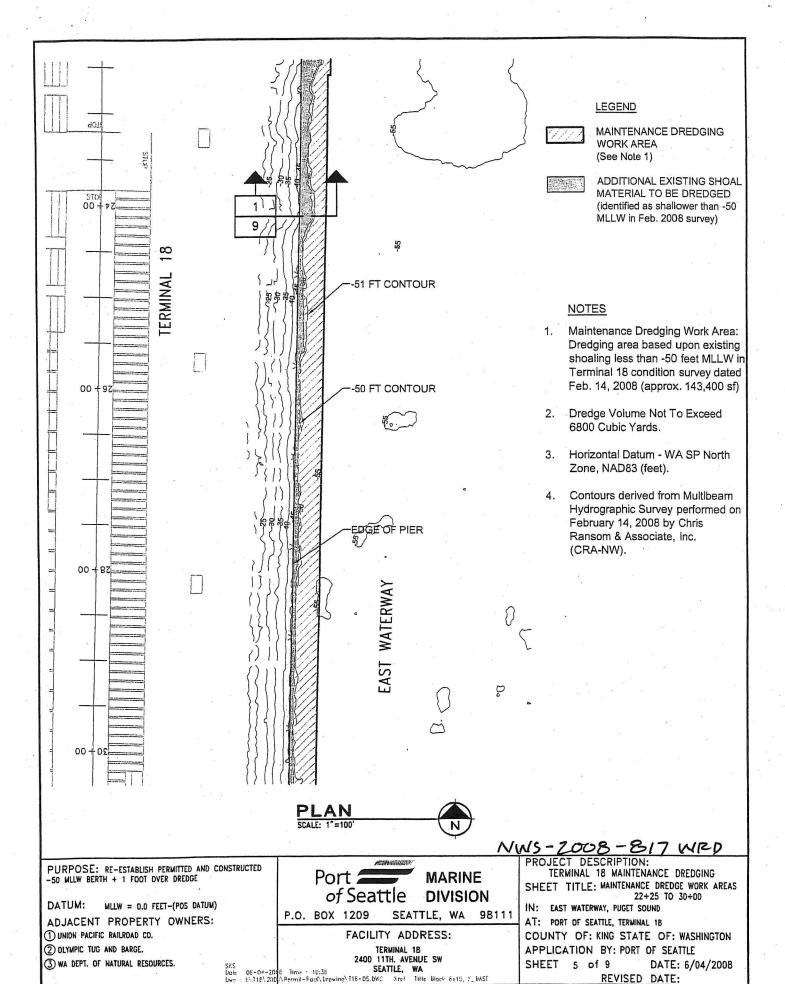
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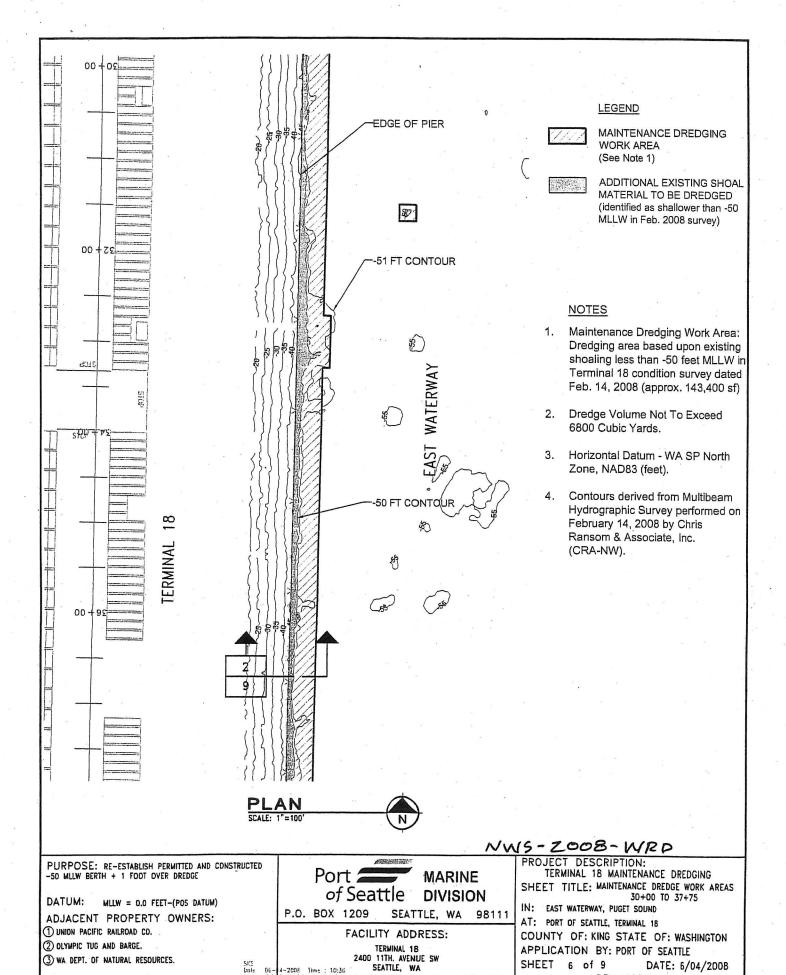






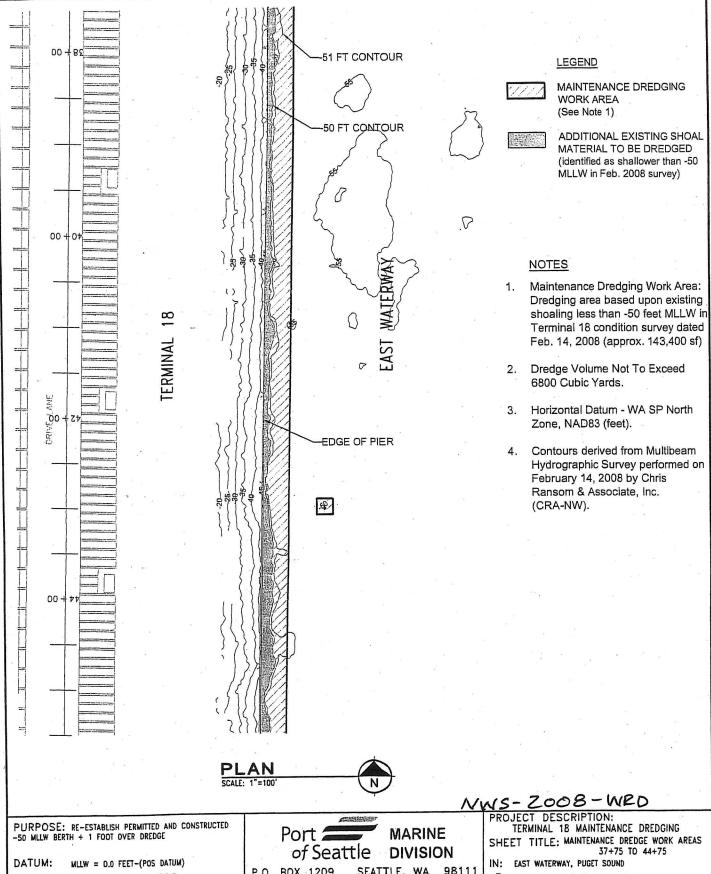






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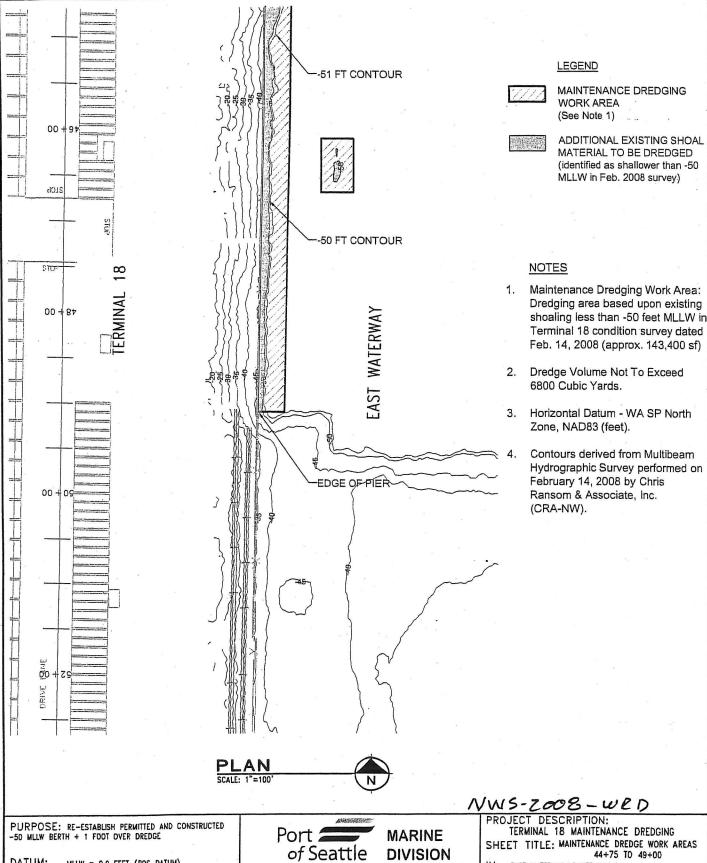
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